

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3446
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ATROCITIES AGAINST LOWER CASTES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases of atrocities against the lower castes have been registered by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes during last one year;
- (b) the necessary steps taken by the Government to stop such atrocities;
- (c) whether the Government has received any recommendations from the Commission to abolish Hindu surnames which denote caste?
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

- (a) During the year 2004, a total number of 1131 complaint cases were received by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes.
- (b) It is for the respective State Government to take necessary steps on such cases of atrocities as law and order is a State subject.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) & (e) Do not arise.